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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Establishment of Basic Support Exploitation Requirements for FY 1969

REFERENCE : USIB-D-69.3/1, 17 January 1967, Limited Distribution

1. The attached memorandum on the subject from the Chairman, Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX) reports for the information of the Board that COMIREX has forwarded to the action agencies third-phase basic exploitation requirements for FY 1969 on 4489 targets within 22 categories, and that responsive reporting has started. Statistical summaries of the targets and their distribution are shown in Tabs A and B.

2. These requirements were based on the general task assignments for third-phase basic support exploitation established under the approved National Tasking Plan (see reference) and the authorization in DCID No. 1/13 that COMIREX monitor and coordinate on behalf of the USIB all matters relating to the effective implementation of the NTP.

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3. [REDACTED] in his memorandum stresses the importance of this aspect of the NTP, and outlines the precepts and method employed by COMIREX in establishing these exploitation requirements. He also notes that each responsible agency has been requested to advise COMIREX quarterly of its ability to fulfill assigned requirements. This information will permit COMIREX to make necessary reassessments and to report to USIB wherein manpower resources are inadequate.

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4. It is not planned to schedule the attached report on the agenda of a USIB meeting unless a Board Member so requests by close of business 10 October. In the absence of such a request, it will be recorded that USIB "noted" the attached report as of that date.

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Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR: United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Establishment of Basic Support Exploitation Requirements for FY 1969

REFERENCE: USIB-D-69.3/1, 17 January 1967, TCS-9506-67

1. Based on the general task assignments for third-phase basic support exploitation established under the National Tasking Plan (NTP) as approved by the DCI and the Deputy Secretary of Defense (see reference), COMIREX has forwarded to the action agencies third-phase basic exploitation requirements on 4489\* targets within 22 categories. Requirements in two additional categories will be assigned in the near future and at present no requirement exists for third-phase reporting on non-military logistic targets. Responsive reporting has started.

2. COMIREX has treated this aspect of the NTP as one of major importance because of the need for precision, the comprehensive exploitation effort involved to produce each report, and the significance to intelligence of the reports. The Board may be interested, therefore, in

\* Tab A shows this figure as 4,489/4,703. The range of targets applies to category codes A, B, and D and is designed to represent the uncertainty relative to new deployments which may require third-phase reports in FY 69.

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certain precepts which have influenced assignments and will govern COMIREX judgments on adequacy:

a. Regardless of the producer, detailed studies of targets of national interest must be produced rapidly and accurately, in accordance with a coordinated program.

b. When information is produced in response to the requirements, it must be disseminated in content, form, and format and through communications media which will satisfy the substantive and timeliness requirements of all principal consumers. "The National Standard Format for Basic Imagery Interpretation Reports and Briefs on Installations, Areas, and Activities" has been approved by COMIREX and will be used by all organizations in an attempt to satisfy these criteria.

c. The Basic Support Exploitation function must provide authoritative reports which can be accepted with confidence and immediately used by multiple consumers for their respective purposes.

d. Basic Support Exploitation must contribute to a consolidated base of image-derived information required to support the production of intelligence, the planning of further collection, and the programming of reconnaissance vehicles.

3. In a further effort to tighten the present program, which is only for FY 69, a careful survey was made of existing imagery derived information and third-phase reports were not required in instances when the nature and organization of available information would seem to

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make this unnecessary. Priorities have also been influenced by National Intelligence Estimates production schedules, Priority National Intelligence Objectives, and other current requirements or problems which it would appear could benefit from having a basic report on file.

4. The size and extent of the program can best be judged by a study of Tabs A and B. These provide detailed statistical summaries of the targets and their distribution within the FY 69 Basic Support Exploitation Program, as of 9 August 1968. The following should be noted relative to these summaries:

a. The figures in functional areas A, B, and D allow for an estimate of new target identifications, which may require Basic Exploitation during FY 69.

b. The requirements for Communications/Electronics/Radar Facilities have not yet been tasked as the necessary coordination has not been completed.

c. There are no requirements for Logistics (non-Military) Facilities at this time.

d. The specific number of targets within any functional area will be subject to change at any time, dependent upon the changing current intelligence needs and priorities. However, the currently stated figures indicate the overall magnitude of the Basic Program as of early August 1968.

5. All coordinated requirements for the FY 69 Basic Program have been transmitted to the responsible departments and agencies under the National Tasking Plan for implementation within their respective resource capabilities. At this juncture, however, it is recognized that currently available and trained resources may be inadequate to satisfy

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the entire requirement. To arrive at a realistic Basic Exploitation Program, therefore, each responsible department and agency has been requested to advise the COMIREX on a quarterly basis of its ability to fulfill assigned requirements. This information will permit COMIREX to make such reassessments as are necessary to insure a viable effort against the higher priority basic exploitation requirements. On a long-term basis it will also permit COMIREX to report to USIB wherein manpower resources are inadequate to meet certain requirements set forth under the NTP.

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Chairman

Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

Attachments:  
Tabs A and B

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